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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

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Event #: 171001003618

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Specific Crime	Date Occurred	Time Occurred
Mandalay Bay Shooting	10/01/2017	2300 hours

Location of Occurrence	Sector/Beat	City	County
3950 South Las Vegas Boulevard	M4	☐	☒

Your Name (Last / First / Middle): [redacted]

Race	Sex	Height	Weight	Hair Color	Eye Color	Date of Birth (Years)	Days Off	Business / School
H	F	5'6	112	Brown	Hazel			

Residence Address (Number & Street, Bldg/Apt. #, City, State, Zip Code): [redacted] Res. Phone: [redacted] Bus. Phone:

Business (Loan) Address (Number & Street, Bldg/Apt. #, City, State, Zip Code): Occupation: Departure Date (If Visitor):

Best place to contact you during the day:

Best time to contact you during the day: Any time

Can you identify the Suspect? ☐ Yes ☒ No

DETAILS:

I Was Working for Backyard BBQ Ribs as a Cashier On October 1st 2017 for the Route 91 Harvest Festival. I Was handing a philly cheese steak to a customer when Suddenly I heard what sounded like firecrackers to me. I then heard another round go off and was still trying to make sense what was going on, seconds later I saw from a distance people drop down to the ground and a stampeed of people running my direction. It was then when I realized that the place was being shot up. The first thing that ran through my head was to find my brother whom was on the other side. The first thing I did Was look back to my terrified coworkers and managers as someone snatched me and tried putting me in the truck for safety. I thought there were multiple shooters that were inside sweeping the place so I ran towards where my brother was. I reached a dead end where there was a huge fence I've broken then me, being ok

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WAS COMPLETED AT (LOCATION) DBS Counseling

ON THE 22 DAY OF November, 2017 AT 4:40 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

Witness/Officer: _____ (SIGNATURE)

Witness/Officer: _____ (PRINTED) _____ PR [redacted] ON GIVING STATEMENT

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top of that fence there was a woman over weight that was yelling for me to help her out but I couldn't lift her and I needed to find my brother so I left. On the other side of the fence I was yanked from my left arm by a friend who tried to pull me to an exit but I insisted that I would not leave without him. So he promised he'd help me. I then found my way Close friend that I took to work me and she told me that my brother won't out in the Crowd and so then I went back out there with her to look for him. As all this was going on the shots kept going and sounded louder and closer. We finally found my brother and we prepared the same fence again. This time we left as a group of friends but me and my close friend to 2 everyone in the crowd so we went back looking for my brother again. At this point was when I saw people running out with shotgun wounds. I then asked for a phone because my phone was dead to call my mom and told her where to meet us. We kept running towards the Mirage I looking for my mother when we run across people severely injured on the floor. I wanted to help but couldn't and felt hopeless. I tried to put pressure on someone but I knew it was no help. His body Seemed lifeless and I began to calm my friend down. We decided to go back to the area where we last my brother and he said also went back like them I saw towards the Hooters parking lot avoiding crowded areas and I asked for a phone again. The people were kind and assisted to take us home with them but my mom was nearby. We ran to where she was and got in, we where on our way home when we saw people running in the street near our house when we let them in our truck. We offered our home but since we live near the strip they wanted to go far away. So we took them near Boulder Highway and wished them luck.

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

EVENT#: 171001-3519

SPECIFIC CRIME: ACTIVE SHOOTER / MURDER

DATE OCCURRED: 10-01-17 TIME OCCURRED: 2208 HOURS

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: MANDALAY BAY RESORT AND CASINO
3950 S. LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD
LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

CITY OF LAS VEGAS CLARK COUNTY

NAME OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT: [redacted]

DOB: [redacted] SOCIAL SECURITY #:

RACE: SEX:

HEIGHT: WEIGHT:

HAIR: EYES:

HOME ADDRESS: [redacted] PHONE 1: [redacted]

PHONE 2:

WORK ADDRESS:

The following is the transcription of a tape-recorded interview conducted by DETECTIVE C. COOK (CC), P# 4974. Also present is Detective B. Rock (RB), P# 6950.

CC: And we're recording. This is Detective C. Cook, C-O-O-K, P# 4974, with the Viper Auto Theft Task Force, along with Detective B. Rock, P# 6950. We are at UMC Trauma, [redacted] bed one with [redacted] common spelling, [redacted]. Date of birth [redacted] Address is [redacted] phone number is [redacted] Zip code is [redacted]

CC: Which one? Oh.

[redacted]

CC: [redacted] The zip code is [redacted] on the [redacted] address. The time is 17:11 hours. Did I get your name and information right [redacted]

[redacted] Yes you did.

CC: Yes. Can you tell us, uh, where you were standing the night of the concert, or where exactly at the concert you were?

[redacted] I was standing on the left side facing the stage at about - probably between the start of the VIP area, um, and the stage. So I was in between...

CC: In between the VIP area and the stage?

[redacted] And the stage.

CC: How far back from the stage...

[redacted] Uh...

CC: ...would you say you were?

[redacted] ...probably about - about 60 feet or so.

CC: Okay.

[redacted] 50 or 60 feet.

CC: Okay. Who, uh - who were you with at the time?

[redacted] Um, I was with a whole group of people that we went out there with.

CC: Okay.

DR: And then my girlfriend, [redacted] (unintelligible).

CC: Okay. Were any of them injured? Do you know?

[redacted] Um, I know three that were in our group were injured and then the girl next to me, um - I didn't know who she was, but she got hit in the side of the neck and I - I believe she's probably passed.

CC: Did you, um - do you know about what time you noticed there was a problem?

[redacted] I didn't. The only thing I noticed was one of the men - he - a larger man, who had a cowboy hat on in our group, he said, "Oh there's fireworks." And I said, "Oh really?" And then I turned and I just looked - I just - sort of the weirdest thing - I looked straight at Mandalay Bay because where we were we were right in between that area where could see if somebody was gonna shoot. They're gonna shoot right there, right in that area. So I just looked and I went, "That's not - that's not correct. That's not fireworks." And instantly then we went down. And then as we went down I noticed that the girl next to me was bleeding. And, um, I reached over to her. Her boyfriend, um, pledged over her to protect her. And, um, in all of us there was probably about seven or eight of us had just, like, did a pack on the - on the floor. And I said, "We got to get underneath the bleachers. Everybody's just got to get under the bleachers." Um, the VIP bleachers that were there. That - I felt that was probably the safest place to be was way underneath there. So we all just huddled and ran and we just - in the meantime just kept hearing boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom until it stopped. Finally it stopped. I said, "Run for the bleachers." We

ran, stayed there - underneath there. And then I saw a girl that got hit and she was struggling to get under the bleachers. I could see her (unintelligible), so I went back out. And I went to grab her, and as soon as I went back to grab her to try to get her under the - the thing, a guy had came and he just ran right into me and then I just backed.

CC: Okay.

[redacted] I backed. Uh, he just pushed me all the way back and I flew. And then I landed on my head. And, um, the next thing I knew - I don't even remember if I passed out or if I didn't. Next thing I knew there's another girl who said she was a nurse, and she moved me over to the side. And we had probably between us ten seconds or so before he started again. And he had to have gone on three or four times or more. I don't know how many times.

CC: Who was it that you said was on stage at the time that this all occurred?

[redacted] Uh, Jason Aldean was.

CC: Had he been playing for long or...

[redacted] For, like...

CC: ...had he just started?

[redacted] ...three or four songs.

CC: Been playing...

[redacted] And then it started. And then we looked up - what was weird is that I looked at my friend, th- this man, and I said to him - he goes, "This isn't fireworks." And I go, "No I don't think they're fireworks." And then right when I looked over there, I looked - and then I looked at the stage and everyone was running off the stage so he knew something was going on. You know, so that - it was just an instant reaction I think just to dive, and that's what everybody did.

CC: So you don't know if you blacked out or passed out maybe but you know when you came to and you still heard shooting?

[redacted] Yeah.

CC: Yeah?

[redacted] Yeah.

CC: And you said that someone was next to you and you saw them get shot?

[redacted] Yeah.

CC: Did you know that person?

[redacted] No idea.

CC: No.

[redacted] A young girl.

CC: A young girl?

[redacted] Probably in her twenties.

CC: Okay.

[redacted] Beautiful, blonde hair. I know that because she was standing right next to me dancing with all of us, you know.

CC: So the nurse helped you move?

[redacted] She did. She actually - there was another man that was there. He picked up my one leg and then the other one picked up my other leg and carried me...

CC: Okay.

[redacted] ...to the spot where it was a little bit safer and we just waited for everything to clear out. Eventually there was no signs of any more, um, shooting or anything like that so I just tried to huddle as much as I could. And they helped me actually to where Hooters was.

CC: Do you know how long the shooting lasted for?

[redacted] I can't remember.

INITIALS-Q, Can't remember?

[redacted] It was just a pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, you know.

CC: And how did you eventually get out of the venue?

[redacted] Um, they took me around all the way passed where all the seating was - all this, uh - they had the setup seatings, took me around that way, and then we went through the, um - through and behind one of the concession stands. And then we took, like - there was, like, a road and an alley behind that, and I think that was probably the

road that goes into handicap, 'cause we had some friends that were handicap who were over in the handicap, they told us there was a road back there. But you can get back at the handicap to park back there.

CC: And did they bring you into UMC that night?

[redacted] They - no - they brought me into, um - I was in Hooters for a while, but then, um, um, they got everybody out pretty quickly. But they locked us back into Hooters again 'cause he started shooting again, so we had to get back into Hooters again. So they just put us back in the - we were, like, in the basement area of Hooters.

BR: Who got you out?

[redacted] Uh, of Hooters?

BR: Yeah.

[redacted] Uh, the nurse. She stayed with me, this nurse. I can't even remember her first name, and I - wonderful lady, stayed with me the whole time because I couldn't find my numbers to call anyone. I couldn't - you know, I was just all by myself. All I knew was my name and my - you know.

BR: Were you having trouble walking at that time?

[redacted] I did but I lost - I lost my - I started to lose it. My whole left side was going. So it was just - it became one thing after another.

CC: Did you - did you think originally that maybe you had been shot?

[redacted] I did, but they checked me for all wounds when we were out - when I just got there. They checked me for all wounds and then she put aside, gave me a number, wrote on my leg, and - and said, you know, y- you'll be - whenever you can. I said, "No get to everybody else there, you know. People out there much worse than I am, so get them, you know."

BR: And - and what - what is your injury?

[redacted] I have a spinal cord injury.

BR: Okay.

[redacted] So my left side is paralyzed right now. Um, I had a prior spinal cord injury before. And this was in 2007 from a car accident, and they told me that it could eventually come back because I came back from my paralysis pretty quickly. Six months to a year it took me.

BR: And then obviously getting bumped and hit by the crowd...

[redacted] And they say that trauma to the brain can cause the same thing to come back, and stress to the brain. So that's what they're probably pretty much saying right now.

BR: When did you...

[redacted] It's a lot of stuff. Sorry I didn't mean to interrupt.

BR: It's okay. Go ahead.

[redacted] Water. I'm sorry.

BR: Do you need me to hold it for you?

[redacted] So they say stress can cause it. I have an intusion in my brain already from - from the accident. And they check it every six months to a - eight years. I mean, every six months to eight months.

BR: So after Hooters then you were taken here?

[redacted] No they took me to Desert Springs.

BR: Desert Springs.

[redacted] And then, um, when I was at Desert Springs, um, they stabilized me and got me okay, and then they brought me over here.

BR: Brought you over here.

[redacted] Yeah I think that was like 3:30 in the morning that I was brought over here. So I've been here since. Honestly say it's a great hospital, and they've done everything, you know. The whole city has. It's been wonderful. Just don't expect this from anything, you know. I never - like, you guys see this probably all the time, but I guess I'm too sheltered.

BR: Well this is obviously an extreme case. Um...

[redacted] Yeah. It's - it's a very sad, sad, sad thing that happened at a very happy concert.

BR: Right, right. Do you have any questions for us?

[redacted] Not really, um, no. I don't have too much. Just wanted to give my statement.

BR: This is gonna be the end of the interview. The time is gonna be 17:20, and they is Detective B. Rock.

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STATEMENT OF: [redacted]

THIS VOLUNTARY STATEMENT WAS COMPLETED UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, 1800 W. CHARLESTON BOULEVARD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89102.

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The following is the transcription of a tape-recorded interview conducted by DETECTIVE B. KENTON (BK), P# 8884, LVMPD FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM, on 10-21-17 at 1145 hours. Also present is Detective J. Leavitt (JL), P# 5814, and J. Paterson (JP).

BK: Operator this is Detective B. Kenton P# 8884 conducting an interview in reference to the active shooter on October 1, 2017 under event 171001-3519 at the Mandalay Bay at 3950 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. Also present during the interview is Detective J. Leavitt P# 5814 as well as, um, [redacted] The location of the interview is [redacted] The date of the interview is 10-21-17. The time is 1145 hours. Subject giving the interview is last of [redacted]

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STATEMENT OF: [redacted]

first of [redacted] soc of [redacted] Address of [redacted] phone number of [redacted] She's a banker employed by [redacted] She works 9:00 to 1700 hours and is off Saturday and Sunday. [redacted] do you understand that this conversation is being recorded?

[redacted] Yes.

BK: Do I have your permission to continue?

[redacted] Yes.

BK: Perfect if you can tell me - we're here, in fact - we're here investigating the 1 October shooting and you were present at the event. If you can tell us, um, - I have a map here. The night in question where were you standin' during the event and kind of walk us through what happened. What you best remember.

[redacted] I would put myself right about here.

BK: Okay so on the east side of the catwalk from the stage - from the main stage?

[redacted] Yeah these are where the - yeah, 'cause I was definitely in the middle of the grass area. Uh, we had gotten there a little late, we were tired from the previous two days and, uh, it had been bigger groups of us the other two days but it was just my friend [redacted] and I on Sunday night which I think helped us a lot that there was only two of us and, um, got there a little late, decided we were just gonna go see Jason Aldean, 'cause he's the big headliner, right?

BK: Right.

[redacted] And, uh, got a drink and she had said she wanted to go to this area, 'cause we had been at this area the previous two nights.

BK: So on the west side of the catwalk, okay.

[redacted] On the west side, yeah. And I thankfully said no. I think we should go back to where we've been because I liked the area we were at. So we walked over, he went on at 9:40 exactly, because we kept praising the venue for having all of the artists - I - I mean it was like clockwork.

BK: Right.

[redacted] And I feel like it was maybe five songs in where, uh, we heard the first rounds and it was definitely something that I was paying attention to. You know, I - I didn't - all right well if it was fireworks there would probably be fireworks, right? It just seemed weird but I feel like as humans, your brain tries to think of everything logical. It doesn't go to mass shooting (unintelligible). So, uh, I was definitely continuing to pay attention but then as soon as that - the second shot - the second rounds went off - how long would that have been after? I don't know, the timeline of everything is kinda fuzzy in my brain but I feel like maybe a minute?

BK: 'Kay.

[redacted] It was pretty quickly after. Um, I knew immediately at that point so I just grabbed my girlfriend's arm and said, "We gotta get outta here." And we just briskly walked through the grass area. So we walked like a beeline to about here and then, um, I think what happened was we all felt shots around us so everyone around us - we had

gotten out of the grass area before I feel like other people were turning to run and, um, but when everybody did turn, it seemed like simultaneous that everybody dropped down to the ground and took cover, and then luckily the guy behind me yelled, um, "We have to run, we have to run." So we just got up and took off running and, uh, I would say I got to about here, and I felt the shot in my side and, um, I had gotten maybe 10 feet away from my girlfriend at that point so I screamed to her, and I said, "I've been shot," and we just ran our butts as fast as we could - like at that point I thought - if I've already been shot and we've only made it 10 feet, we don't have a good chance, so we just - I knew the only thing we could do was run, right? So, we took off down here, um, towards Koval. So we ran east and I think there was a chain link fence right here that I was watching people struggle to get under, and I'm not sure if there was like a parking lot or something there, but we just kept running down that corridor, um, and you know you would hear the shots subside and, uh, pick up again, so we'd kinda slow our pace and we're still running.

BK: Right.

[redacted] But then it would go again and we'd - you know, everybody would scream and you'd keep running. And I know I jumped two, uh, wrought iron fences. I'm not sure - on the way to Koval, I don't know how that - until I got to the 2000 Business Park - is that what it is?

BK: Yes.

[redacted] Um, so while we were running between the fences I called my mom just because it's your mom, right? And I didn't want her to find out on the news and she has a heart condition. So I just said like, "listen, this is what's happened." I didn't tell her I had been shot, and then I called my girlfriend. One of my best friends is an ER nurse and I was like, "I got shot. What do I need to be looking here for?" I'm like, "I'm running my ass off and I feel like I'm doing a really good job so I don't think I'm like critically injured, but I don't know what's happening." My girlfriend who was with me was like, "Oh I think you just got grazed." Like I don't think she like

((Crosstalk))

BK: (Unintelligible).

[redacted] Right. So, uh, when we got to the Business Park - well my parents, as soon as I call my parents they jumped into their car, like immediately and just came down to where they thought we were. When I got to the Business Park, uh, the ambulances and, uh, police cars started pulling up, it was like immediate and, uh, so I ran over to the ambulance and I was like, "You know, I'm not sure what I'm dealing with here." And he said, "Just get in the ambulance." So I jump in, a guy gets in that's shot in the stomach, the girl next to me was in the hip. There was a girl that had walked up with a t-shirt over her mouth. She was shot through the mouth. And then like, this pickup truck came and they were unloading people who had been shot, and they were like critical, you know their family members were scream- or friends were screaming over them, and I just kept looking around thinking, "I just don't feel like I should be here. I

- I'm not critical enough, these people really need help." So I looked at my girlfriend and jumped out of the ambulance and said, "Let's just keep running." So we got down Trop and we didn't feel safe because in our minds there were multiple shooters and this was like, not domestic terrorism, right? I kept thinking that it wasn't the end of this, that somebody was - that was my thought the whole time running down Koval - or that - that one street towards Koval, was just don't let us run into another one. Like, are they tryin' to barricade us? So we got on Trop and we didn't feel safe so we ran across the street to - I don't know the name of the hotel, Blue Vacation, Lot 360.

BK: Blue-Green Resort?

[redacted] Yes.

BK: Yeah.

[redacted] We just saw the dirt lot and that there weren't a lot of people around and that made us feel safe, so we got in there and there was a nurse in there so she kinda checked me out, and was like, "I think you're okay." Um, and then they started taking everybody that was there to the fourth floor for protection. They were putting people in rooms, but my parents called and were down the street so we didn't go up, we ran to my parents, told my mom I had been shot. That was fun - just you know, telling your parent that you've been injured - didn't go over well. Um, my step-dad took us to Sienna because my girlfriend is an ER nurse there and I think I just grew up in this area so you kinda go to your home base. And I think it worked out well because,

again the people who were seriously in critical condition were being taken to UMC and

((Crosstalk))

[redacted] Um, got to Sienna, I think I was one of the first people there, it was really quickly. Uh, I got all, you know, monitors and everything looked good and I finally felt like, "all right pretty - I'm pretty certain I'm gonna live, I'm good." Um, spent the evening there, well the night until maybe about 4:00. Um, They did a CT scan and I felt like up until I had seen my surgeon I heard a lot of like - I feel like the first doctor told me it was shrapnel, and you know, no big deal, and yada yada, and then, uh, when we finally saw the picture of the bullet - you know we have lot of pictures but we got the x-ray and it showed like a full bullet, which you guys I'm sure have seen because it was recovered So, uh, the day after the shooting, I came down with, uh, Bronchitis. It was like instant, which I guess is not abnormal, and I have Crohn's Disease so I have a messed up autoimmune system, er, immune system. I got Bronchitis which delayed having the surgery, and the surgeon told me like, "You can leave it in. It might cause you some discomfort." I was like, "I don't want that in me."

BK: No.

[redacted] It was psychologically - it just felt like a piece of evil in my body, and it's, uh - it was uncomfortable obviously during that first, uh, week and a half. So Tuesday we went and had it removed and, um, I've seen a therapist once. I go again this coming

Wednesday. Uh, but other than that I've pretty much been in the house. This is my bubble now.

BK: Okay so - so going over the injury. So it - the bullet entered your - right under your...

[redacted] You can still see it.

BK: ...lower back - or upper back. Okay just like two inches from your arm pit?

[redacted] So it entered here but they're referring to it as a chest injury because of where it ended up, but yeah they took it out from - it looks really good. You couldn't even tell that was three days ago, right?

BK: No.

[redacted] It's crazy - sore, uh...

BK: Did it hit any- anything inside you? No?

JL: Missed the Thorax. Missed everything, didn't pneumo- didn't hemo- didn't do anything.

BK: Good.

[redacted] I got very...

JL: But if you look - it went - the bullet's facing down but it entered up, so they took it out above it but the - like the head of the .223 round is facing down, so it's almost like it tumbled when it went through.

BK: Yeah.

JP: Wow.

BK: Okay and when you first heard the shots, you said your mind was trying to figure out what they were and you thought - did you think they were fireworks at first? But you didn't see 'em you said?

[redacted] I don't know if I really felt they were fireworks but it was the only thing I could rationalize. I was like - I said to my girlfriend, "Maybe fireworks," and then I said, "Maybe they're having problems with their speaker, or with the musical - the equipment." Because it just - it didn't sound right but it sounded much different than the second round. It - it was a much more aggressive, uh, noise the second time it happened, and I don't know if it's because - you know obviously we're seeing things through the media. I don't know if it's because he was shooting at McCarran and those drums to begin with. It just didn't sound the same or it's a different gun, I don't know. But the second one's - I - I think it was so loud because it, um, came through the sound system. When he was shooting into the crowd their - their microphones picked it up so it came out the sound system and - when we were walking away from the crowd - well running as much as we could, I had looked back at my girlfriend and I saw the band - you know drop everything, and that was when like, sheer panic - like this is happening. I - I mean I don't feel like I was really in shock, I was completely aware that we were in a mass shooting. So just, um...

BK: And you say your friend was [redacted] right?

[redacted]

BK: Was she injured at all during it?

[redacted] Not physically, well I can't say that, but that's not true actually. She, um, had some pretty significant bruising on her legs, uh, from jumping the fence. The fence - those fences were not easy to jump for us females, and, uh, she actually, uh, on the second one had gotten caught and I kinda had lifted her off, but when she went to jump off of it into the gravel she lost her footing, and she fell directly onto her - um, front side, and she's had a lot of pain and the doctor is saying some kind of a - it's - it's an internal bruising to her abdomen, 'cause she's thin and, um, they're saying there's nothing they can do, it will take a couple months but just overall like, bumps and bruises and soreness, and...

BK: Right, and so the volley - so you said there was the first volley of fire and the second one sounded a lot more aggressive is when you realized, "This is real, we gotta go," once the panic set in, was it a nonstop volley of fire from then or do you remember it breaking up and hearing different sounds?

[redacted] There were definitely pauses.

BK: Yeah.

[redacted] Yeah and I think that's what gave a lot of people the opportunity to get out - is those moments in between. I couldn't tell you how long, um, those pauses were but I remember being - it's funny as you talk about it how you have little images come into your brain. We were on that, um, I don't know what this is being referred to - this little alleyway, but McCarren is right there...

BK: Mm-hm.

[redacted] ...and, uh, we remember seeing people...

BK: It's Giles Street.

[redacted] ...run into McCarran. Like, I don't know if the employees opened it up right when we were there but there was like, hysteria and I didn't wanna go there because I felt like we were gonna be trapped. It was too close, and he was still definitely shooting at that time because it had slowed down. We didn't' hear anything for maybe a minute, and she - my girlfriend was struggling. She's - she's thin but not athletic apparently. I was like, "You've got kids, run." Um, but she, uh, she had been slowing down and then the shots started again and I screamed at her - like I was telling her, "You've gotta run for your kids, let's go." So I know at McCarran was definitely still happening. I feel like we - when we were at the Business Park we were still hearing the shots, but we just felt we were far enough away that - and seeing the first responders - I don't know, it gave you sense of like, "Okay, we're all right." But, you know - just hysteria. People yelling, "He's coming, he's coming." And obviously that wasn't true.

BK: Did you ever look up at the Mandalay Bay while it was still going on?

[redacted] No.

BK: No?

[redacted] I was headed the other direction. I think I knew it was - because I feel like the first shot - the first round, I wanna say I did see smoke over in the crowd, like by the front of the stage, when we thought it was fireworks, like right around here. We did see some kind of commotion, and that's what made us think, "Oh, there's probably people just messing around, right?" and then, once we knew it was real in my mind somebody had like jumped those gates. I - I figured they just jumped over, and I was kind of picturing full body gear, and multiple shooters just based on what we were hearing, but...

BK: 'Kay.

JL: Uh, I have a couple of questions.

[redacted] Okay.

JL: Um, when you said you guys got to the - the venue late that night, do you have any idea like what time you got there?

[redacted] Sure, 8:30.

JL: So you had only been there for maybe an hour?

[redacted] Yeah.

JL: Okay, um, that - the first volley of fire that you heard, um, can you just kind of describe it one more - was it the - I know you were kind of saying it wasn't necessarily as loud - at least that's the way I'm taking it - is that it wasn't as loud or it

wasn't as constant, um, if you were to try to describe it like, do you remember exactly what it sounded like?

[redacted] Pops - I would say more popping and not so, um, not as close - close together I guess you would say, and then, um, I don't think it lasted nearly as long, so I would say the initial one, uh, maybe 10 shots, if I had to put it into shots fired, maybe 10.

JL: Okay.

[redacted] Enough to catch everybody's attention - but to dismiss it like, hmm...

JL: During that first - that first volley as you're trying to wrap your mind around what it is - if it's really - 'cause you're kinda in denial of what it really is, because that's not what your brain goes to.

[redacted] Totally.

JL: Uh, were there other people around you having the same vocal conversations?

[redacted] Not that I can recall. I just remember my girlfriend - I do remember everyone kinda taking notice and looking but I think we k- this makes me feel bad to say it out loud, but I think we kind of looked to Jason Aldean, and was like, "He's not reacting so obviously it's not something that - I mean he must be able to see this, but obviously in a crowd that big you're not - you have lights in your face and you would never know but I think there was some kind of sense of security that, "Okay, the band is still playing. It can't be that bad, right?"

JL: Must be part of the show?

[redacted] Right, just - I just thought it was punks messing around with firecrackers or something. That - that was my first thought for sure.

JL: Okay and a couple of questions I have are just reference points on the map.

[redacted] Okay.

JL: Okay so we used a map of the venue here...

[redacted] Mm-hm.

JL: ...um, but later on when we read this, we're not gonna be able to see where you're pointing to so I just wanna clarify a couple of things on here.

[redacted] Sure.

JL: Uh, when you're pointing towards this gate, 6 is the corridor you went down, is that correct?

[redacted] Yes that's correct.

JL: Uh, do you know what this area here is - is the VIP kinda seating then?

[redacted] It think this the VIP seating, and then there was a bar right there, a House of Blues I wanna say.

JL: Okay.

[redacted] So yeah in that little area, but there were definitely the VIP here.

JL: Kind of to the south of the - the gate that you ran through and the corridor you went down?

[redacted] Yes definitely. It would have been South East of that gate.

JL: Okay. So just in reference though when you're pointing thought, that Gate 6, as far as our map goes, is the area that you believe you ran towards or through.

[redacted] Definitely.

JL: Okay and then you also talked about, um, uh, the smoke that came from the area over here, would that be, uh, closer to the boulevard then?

[redacted] Definitely to, yeah.

JL: Okay.

[redacted] It would have been to the East of the - North East of the stage.

JL: Okay perfect. The only other thing, uh, question I think I had is - is you and your, uh, girlfriend are running, and you - you're talking about how you're going kinda East you're runnin, uh, Koval towards Tropicana, did you have any idea where you were going, like were you trying to get to a specific place or were you just running at this point?

[redacted] No just running away, up until probably Koval, because by the time I hit Koval we've grown up here, so we were like, "Oh I know where I am." I - I know this Business Park. And then, uh, with the ambulances, you know that was a pause in our - our running obviously tryin' to figure out what were gonna do. But, um, obviously we know Trop and I was tryin' to give my parents the clearest directions of where we were, so I just kept saying, "Trop and Koval, Trop and Koval, and then we found that

little hideaway, that little safe nest is what I would call it, and it worked out really well. Now my car was at Luxor and then, uh, my girlfriend had parked at Town Square, and I picked her up and we parked at Luxor trying to save on parking fees, and her car was broken into that night, when she went to get in the next morning windows smashed - it was a Tahoe. She had left her work computer in there that was gone, so just people taking advantage of the situation, right?

JL: Unbelievable.

[redacted] How...

JL: I was sayin' the same thing, unbelievable.

[redacted] Unbelievable. It - I couldn't get over it.

BK: Jeez.

BK: All right is there anything else you can think of that we didn't go over that you might like to add?

[redacted] No I don't think so. I - I think it's been traumatic because of everything that happened first of all, but you know we were at the funeral yesterday. [redacted] is one of my friends - not a close friend but somebody I knew, and we saw them there on Friday and, uh, it's just - you guys know as a community it's really hard. It's not - it's so many people going through it, and you know I - I'm suffering from my own story, but then I see her, it just sucks. It's heartbreaking.

BK: It is.

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